

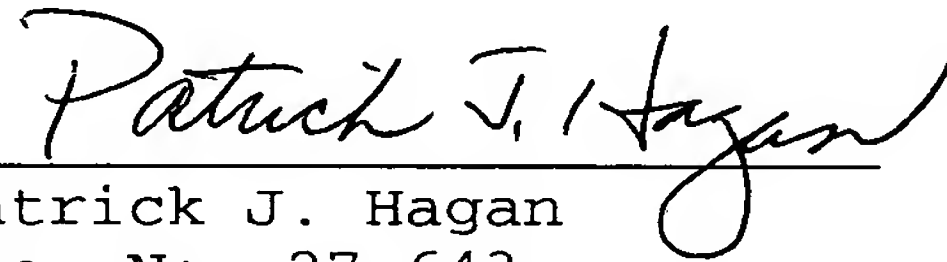
REMARKS

The purpose of this amendment is to eliminate multiple claim dependencies and to change the form of certain claims for the purpose of compliance with the requirements of U.S. PTO practice.

Entry of the present amendment is hereby requested. These claim amendments are supported by the original descriptive text and claims of the international application and do not introduce new matter into the application.

Early and favorable consideration of the application, as now amended, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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